

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SEPARATE FOOD PROCESSING POLICY

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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether separate policy for food processing would attract investors and encourage setting up of food processing units;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the response of the State Governments on issue of framing separate policy, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Union Government is planning to develop new technologies to minimize the wastage of perishable food items; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (I/C) (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) to (e): Ministry of Food Processing Industries with the intention to make concerted efforts for development and growth of food processing sector is encouraging States to frame Food Processing Industrial Policy for their respective States. This will facilitate the States to create enabling environment for creating rural infrastructure, raise level of processing and generate farm level employment keeping in view their distinct agro climatic scenario and availability of rural infrastructure. Vision 2015 Document has been finalized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI), which envisages tripling the size of the processed food sector by increasing the level of processing of perishable from 6% to 20%, value addition from 20% to 35% and share in global trade from 1.5% to 3% by 2015. An integrated strategy for promotion of agri business- Vision, Strategy and Action Plan for the food processing sector has also been approved by the Government. To minimize the wastage of perishable food items the Ministry has developed strategic initiatives like setting up of Mega Food Parks and Integrated Cold Chain Infrastructure during the 11th Plan.

As per information available, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka have a separate food processing policy for the State. Bihar, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala have taken steps to develop food processing policy for their States. Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal have set up separate Department of Food Processing for a sector specific approach. Ministry of Food Processing Industries is organizing a meeting of the States Ministers of Food Processing shortly for better-coordinated efforts for development and growth of the food processing sector.